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Amendment dated January 29, 2007  
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**REMARKS**

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Entry of the above amendments is courteously requested in order to place all claims in this application in allowable condition and/or to place the non-allowed claims in better condition for consideration on appeal.

Claims 1 through 6, 8 and 9 remain in this application. Claim 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 have been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn or added.

**Paragraphs 1 through 4 of the Office Action**

Claims 1 through 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Viazanko.

Claim 8 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Viazanko in view of Stokes.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the requirements of claims 2, 3, 5 and 6, which was indicated as being in condition for allowance in the Office Action, and therefore claim 1, as well as claims 4 and 8 which depend from claim 1, are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the §102(b) and §103(a) rejection of claims 1, 4 and 8 is therefore respectfully requested.

**Paragraph 5 of the Office Action**

Paragraph 5 of the Office Action states that claim 8 would be allowable if written into independent form with the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The above amendment incorporates the limitations of claim 1 (in its as-filed form) into the recitation of claim 9, and therefore claim 9 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

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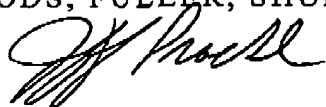
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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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